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30 January 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. Herewith a new text of the memorandum of the same title of 29 January, revised in the light of comments of General Cabell and Messrs. [ ] of [ ] staff.

Changes are as follows: (a) addition of possible bloc arms to the government in last lines of paragraph 1; (b) redrafting and addition of present third sentence in paragraph 2b; (c) material in square brackets in paragraphs 2d and 5; (d) shading in first sentence of paragraph 7.

2. Certain phrases which appear in square brackets are offered as possible sanitizations of the text and can be adopted in a subsequent draft. It was our feeling, however, that even with their adoption the document was still extremely sensitive. See especially paragraphs 4 and 5. My recommendation is that the original language be retained and that the document's security be safeguarded by a stringently limited distribution: i. e., outside recipients of the document be confined to the President, the Secretary of State, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Robertson, Mr.

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Cumming, and General Erskine. I would also recommend the same distribution inside the Agency as was given yesterday's draft, i.e., yourself, General Cabell, Mr. Amory, Mr.

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3. I suggest that the final draft be your memorandum to the President or to the Secretary of State.

4. As to the regular NIE on Indonesia presently scheduled, I recommend cancellation or postponement. If you agree, I would like to get Mr. Cumming or Mr. Cutler to lend his name to cancellation or postponement so as to mute the Agency's role in the action.

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